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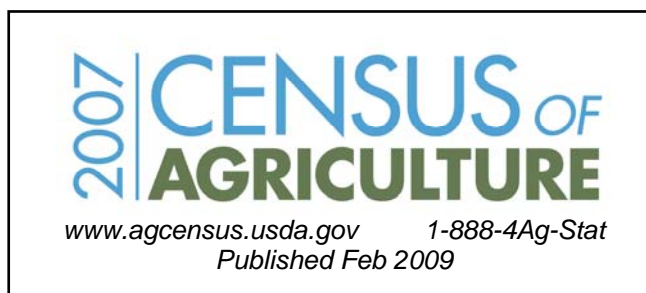
Pennsylvania 2008 Vegetables for Processing Intentions

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 9, 2008 - Processors in **Pennsylvania** intend to contract 5 percent more acres of snap beans in 2008, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Snap bean processors intend to contract 10,300 acres of snap beans in 2008, up 500 acres from 2007.

United States' processors expect to contract 1.18 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops this year, which is down 2 percent from last year. Contracted acreage declines are forecast for snap beans and tomatoes, while sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles and green peas show increases. Freezing firms expect to contract 401,350 acres, down 2 percent from last year. Acreage for snap beans is down 12 percent while green pea acreage is up 2 percent from last year. Acreage for sweet corn is virtually unchanged. Canneries contracted for 781,610 acres, down 2 percent from 2007. Acreage declined for snap beans, green peas, and tomatoes, down 9 percent, 1 percent, and 3 percent, respectively. Acreage increased for sweet corn and cucumbers for pickles, up 3 percent and 4 percent, respectively.

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